Dear Parents and Carers,

**Computing Support for d’Auvergne**

I am delighted to inform you that we have been approached by an incredibly generous benefactor (who wishes to remain anonymous). They have committed to supporting our computing / home learning agenda to the amazing figure of £68,500. This is an unbelievable addition to our resource and will help provide 100 iPads and 90 laptops to children across Key Stages 1 and 2, to support learning and raise standards at home and at school. This is in addition to another 30 devices that we have just ordered for the MakerSpace.

The children will write ‘Thank you’ cards / letters to show their appreciation (a bit strange, as they don’t know who the kind person is that they are writing to!) and I shall pass these on. I am sure you’ll agree that this level of support is staggering and will make a huge difference.

**d’Auvergne Website**

A **French** area in ‘Our Learning’ on our www.dauvergne.sch.je website has been created. It includes various resources - the links to songs we sing, animated films, videos, books, a dictionary as well as the uploaded files of 'Salut Jersey' parts 1 (Years 4 - 5) 'Salut Jersey' part 2 (Year 6) and the booklet which is used in Y3.

We strongly encourage families in Key Stage 2 to go over the themes that the children are learning currently and the families in Key Stage 1 to use the links, e.g. to sing in French with the children.

Here is the link to the section:

<https://www.dauvergne.sch.je/about-us/our-learning/french/>

**Chinese Education Conference**

Yesterday we hosted a virtual international education conference, strengthening links between four Jersey schools / Education Department and the Ministry for Education in China with up to 100 of their schools in attendance.

Welcoming ‘real’ guests from our Education Department and other Head Teachers is always a pleasure as there is always lots to share with them about what our children at d’Auvergne are doing. Putting d’Auvergne on an international stage is on our school development agenda and I anticipate our children getting involved in such conferences in the near future.

**Children in Need**

We are delighted, thanks to the efforts of Mrs Whitehouse and your contributions, to have raised over £230 for Children in Need. The main prize was won by Evie T. – well done and thank you all.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Mr Cooper

**Year Group Updates**

**Nursery**

This week we have been learning all about Diwali, the Hindu festival of light.

The children have enjoyed making Diva lamps from clay, having a go at drawing some Rangoli patterns and tasting some delicious Indian treats, thank you to Mohana's Mummy for her creations.

Talk to your child about what they know about Diwali and post what they say onto Tapestry. Here's a video explaining all about it which the children have watched earlier in the week.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zh86n39/articles/zjpp92p>

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Knight

**Reception**

With Remembrance Day in mind, Reception have been learning a little about what this very special day means.  We have been thinking about what makes a person a hero and who our heroes might be.

In our Maths, we have continued using the vocabulary of more than, fewer than and equal to, to help us sort objects into groups and compare their quantities.  Please continue using this language at home so that it becomes embedded in their everyday vocabulary.

We are motoring along with our Read Write Inc. sounds, focusing on t, i, n, p and g this week.  Thank you for the time you are spending practicing sounds and letter formation at home, you will receive a further set this week, please continue to send them back to school once they are completed.

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

The Reception Team

**Year 1**

What a week!

This week in maths, we have been learning about number bonds within 10, all the children have grasped the concept of part whole diagrams... can they show and explain to you what this is?

On Friday, Y1 took part in the whole school STEM day and completed the challenge of designing and making a floating garden. We had so much fun and enjoyed the opportunity to enhance our problem solving skills. Thank you to those of you who provided junk modelling to help us with this!

Finally, please remember that your child needs to come to school with their **named** costume for the nativity on Monday 16th November so that we can start our dress rehearsals. Miss Fage and Mrs Prothero are so excited to share with you how hard the children are working on this, watch out for us on the West End!

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Fage and Mrs Prothero

**Year 2**

We are all very excited in Year 2 now that we know what our wedding roles will be for Wednesday 25th November. You should have received a letter explaining what your child will need to wear on the day.  Please don't go out and buy anything new, party clothes will be sufficient.

We have written our invitations and look forward to a memorable day.

In RE, we have been learning about Jewish festivals and celebrations, so we are ready to make a comparison between Christian and Jewish weddings.

In Maths, we have been learning to subtract using a variety of methods.  Ask your children to show you. Please continue to use Mathletics for home learning to consolidate their understanding. We are making more use of Google Classroom so please ensure you have accepted our invitation to join.

Another polite reminder, please do not send your child into school with toys from home or, large backpacks, we do not have the space to facilitate them.

We have made a start on our parent consultations and look forward to meeting you all over the next few weeks.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Lutkin-Clarke and Mrs Andre Brown

**Year 3**

Another fantastic week has been had by Year 3! STEM day was a huge success and the children came up with some incredible floating garden ideas. Thank you so much to those parents who saved plastic for us to use.

It is Mrs Mallinson’s last week with us and all classes have enjoyed participating in a drama workshop with her. She has been great to work with but we are very excited to welcome the amazing Miss Dunn back next week.

Many parents will have been informed about the bookmarks which we have created for some ‘at home help’ in maths, reading and writing. These will be coming home in your child’s bag by the end of this week. They should be really useful, so please do try and refer to them to support your child’s home learning.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Banks, Miss Dunn and Mr du Feu

**Year 4**

A big thank you to all the parents for your patience as we arrange our meetings with you all.  It is good to finally be in touch.  Please do also remember that you can email us should you ever need.

Have you had the chance to take a look at the home learning timetables now stuck into the school diary?  If not, please take a moment to ask the children so that you have a good idea of what is expected and how you can organise things at home to suit your family diary.

In our writing now, we are learning about newspaper reports.  At home the children can read newspaper articles although you might wish to check the appropriateness of them first.  This could be instead or as well as their daily read - just remember to jot it into their diary.

On Monday, we started looking at how to use an app called Stop Animation, creating short Viking longship animations.  Over the weeks, the children will be working on creating famous Viking legends and tales.

During our History sessions, the invasion of Lindisfarne has been a hot topic, with some children taking on the role of a monk who survived the attack and others became a savage Viking - this helped the rest of us question them ready for our own report writing.

Have a wonderful weekend with our Year 4 roving reporters!

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Mrs. Wilkinson - [s.wilkinson@dauvergne.sch.je](mailto:s.wilkinson@dauvergne.sch.je)

**Year 5**

This week in Year 5 we have really knuckled down and made good progress with our learning. We had a fantastic STEM day and produced some fantastic work.

In writing, the children have continued looking at newspaper articles. They have produced some eye-catching newspaper headlines and some attention grabbing opening paragraphs.

In maths, the children have consolidated their addition and subtraction knowledge with 6-digit numbers using pictorial and abstract methods.

In topic, the children have continued their learning on the 'Frozen Kingdom' with a focus on geography this week. The children have been learning about the Polar Regions of the world - The Arctic and Antarctica. They have also been using their atlas skills to locate the Polar Regions and continents of the world.

Achievers:

5H - Oskar, for creating some imaginative newspaper headlines. He has really shown his creative writing skills this week and worked extremely hard on producing top quality work. The BBC and ITV would be proud of the work Oskar has produced this week. Keep up the hard work. Super proud teacher!

5KL - Farah, for settling into 5KL with great maturity. You will be a fantastic member of the team and you are destined for great things in year 5 with your work ethic!

5L - Kai, for being such a kind, caring and helpful member of our class. She will always help those around her and this trait of hers is something that we all admire and appreciate.

Our singing production is coming up very quickly and the poem we are learning has been sent home. If you could please try and spare some time at home to practice with your kids that would be fantastic.

5KL: Parent helper needed for swimming on Thursday 26th November 8:30-10:30. If you can help, please get in contact with Miss Leighton ([k.leighton@dauvergne.sch.je](mailto:k.leighton@dauvergne.sch.je)).

Kind regards,

Year 5 team.

**Year 6**

Year 6 have had a wonderful week immersing themselves in knowledge about Victorian life, in preparation for Victorian Day next week - Tuesday 17th November!  We have learned about the harsh realities of what life was like if you were a child born into poor, Victorian Britain. Through reading My Story - Mill Girl and researching about various back-breaking jobs that poor children were forced to do, we are feeling rather fortunate to be alive in this day and age!

Maths No Problem has been challenging us with long division and some tricky word problems.  The achiever in 6AW this week is Caitlin for excelling herself in the TTRockstar challenge to dethrone our current multi-week rock star.  Miguel is the achiever, in 6W, for his thoughtful and beautiful writing about his beliefs, as part of our celebration of Inter-Faith week.

We cannot wait for Victorian Day - don't forget your penny for school on Tuesday, or Victorian Mr Cooper will not be happy!